Expansion of Telecommunication System in the Country

5045. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to expand the telecommunication system during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific schemes drawn up for the expansion of telecommunication system in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The draft plan proposals for the period (1990-95) of the Department of Telecommunication envisage: Additional of 59 lakh lines of switching Capacity to provide 52 lakh new Telephone connections. Addition of 37000 Telex lines to provide telex on demand. provision of phone facility in each Gram panchayat. Extension of STD facility to all Sub-Divisional Growth Centres.

(c) Expansion programme of Telecommunication in Rajasthan during the period 1990-95 envisages: Addition of over 2 lakh lines of switching capacity to provide over 1.75 telephone connections. Addition of around 490 Telex lines.

Provision of telephone facility in each Gram Panchayat in Rajasthan.

Around 126 stations to be provided on STD facility during this period.

Setting up of Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Amroha District

5046. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for installation of electronic exchanges at Sivara, Kaath, Hassanpur, Dhanora and Dhampur in Amroha district of U.P.;

(b) whether there is any proposal for providing STD facility in these exchanges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Amroha is a Tehsil Headquarter and not a District. There is no telephone exchange by name Sivara in Amroha Tehsil. Telephone Exchange exists at Seohara in Bijnor district.

(ii) Telephone exchanges at Kanth (not Kaath) and Seohara are planned for replacement during 1992-93.

(iii) Telephone Exchanges at Hassanpur and Dhampur are planned for replacement during 1992-93.

(iv) An Electronic Exchange is already working at Dhanora (Moradabad District).

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir, from Hassanpur only during 1994-95 being Tehsil Headquarter as per Departmental Policy.

[*Translation*]

Strength of Delhi Police

5047. SHRI SAJJAN KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strength of the Delhi Police is adequate to look after the law and order situation; and

(b) if not, the steps being taken increase their strength?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The strength of Delhi Police has been increased from approximately 30,700 tin 1985 to approximately 51,000 upto July, 1991. There is no proposal under consideration for general upward revision in the strength of Delhi Police. The requirements of law and order, as and when the exigencies so warrant, are being met by deployment from Central Police Organisations as in the case of other States/Union Territories.

[Eng*lish*]

Newsitem Captioned "Non-Tribals Grab Chakma Land"

5048. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Non-Tribals grab Chakma Land" appearing in Hindustan Times dated August 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Chakma issue in Bangladesh is an internal matter of Bangladesh. However, insofar as the Chakma refugees in India are concerned the Government have repeatedly taken up at various levels with the Government of Bangladesh the question of their early return to Bangladesh. We hope that the Bangladesh Government will take necessary and effective steps which give the refugees the confidence to return to their homes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts voluntarily and that the earliest.

[*Translation*]

Study Team to Australia to Gather Information on Sugar Production

5049. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have deputed a study team to Australia to gain more information on the production of Sugarcane in that country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Cordless Telephones

5050. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cordless telephones are being produced in the country, if so, since when;

(b) whether there is a growing demand for such telephones in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.